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In re U.S. Patent Application of)
ITO et al.)
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MAGNETIC STORAGE APPARATUS)
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Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows: